GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1891
ANSWERED ON:13.12.2004
INTEREST ON LOANS TO SUGAR MILLS
Singh Shri Chandra Bhushan;Yadav Shri Baleshwar

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to reduce the interest rates on the loan provided to sugar mills by the Sugar Development Fund for revival of sick sugar mills;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the current status of the said proposal;

(c) whether the sugar industry has demanded a reduction in the bank rate; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) & (b): The Government has revised the interest rate on the loans provided to sugar undertakings from the Sugar Development Fund to 2% less than the Bank rate prevailing on the date of disbursement of the instalment of loan w.e.f. 21.10.2004. A Gazette Notification has been issued vide GSR 687(E) dated 21.10.2004 to this effect.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.